

### **REMARKS**

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the above claim amendments and remarks that follow.

The specification has been amended to include appropriate headings for the various sections and to include a section for Description of the Drawings. Claim 13 has been amended so that, in step (b), the term “step a” has been replaced with the term “step (a)”. Claim 19 has been amended in the last line thereof to replace the term “step b” with the term “step (b)”. Claim 21 has been amended to remove the phrase “recovered following step (a)” and thus clarify the claim language. Claim 28 has been amended to remove the word “approximately”. Claims 14-28 are pending.

The specification is objected to as allegedly failing to include an abstract of the disclosure. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this objection. The present application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371, and a copy of the international application as filed was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the International Bureau. The originally filed international application included an abstract of the disclosure. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that an abstract of the disclosure was properly included in the present application as part of the originally filed application documents. Nevertheless, to assist the Office, Applicant has included herewith a copy of the abstract from the international application. Applicant submits the language in the attached abstract is identical to the language of the abstract provided in the original international application. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of this objection.

The specification is further objected to as allegedly failing to include a Brief Description of the Drawings section. The specification has been amended herein to incorporate the noted section. In particular, the description of figure 1 is taken from the disclosure of the present application at page 8 (lines 19-21). Applicant respectfully submits no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

In relation to the above, Applicant has taken this opportunity to further amend the specification to include headings delineating the Field of the Invention, the Background section, the Summary of the Invention section, and the Detailed Description of the Invention section. Applicant submits no new matter is introduced by these amendments, which are only provided for ease of reading of the application.

The specification is objected to for the presence of a typographical error on page 9 (line 26). This error has been corrected by replacing the word “allylhydrazine” with the word “allylamine”. An identical typographical error has also been corrected at page 8 (line 28). In light of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Claim 13 is objected to for allegedly including inconsistent claim terminology. As noted above, claim 13 has been amended to replace the phrase “step a” with the phrase “step (a)”. To assist the Office, a similar inconsistency has been identified in claim 19, which has been amended to replace the phrase “step b” with the phrase “step (b)”. In light of the amendment to claim 13, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the present objection.

Claim 21 is objected to for allegedly reciting an incorrectly identified claim step. Particularly, the Examiner argues the first instance of the claim term “step (a)” should correctly recite “step (c)”. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, to increase ease of reading, claim 21 has been amended to completely remove the phrase “recovered following step (a)”. Thus, claim 21 now recites the method of claim 19, wherein the “unreacted anhydrous amine of formula II is reinjected into the reactor of step (a)”. Since claim 19 recites the step of “isolating the unreacted anhydrous amine of formula II”, Applicant submits claim 21 has full and proper antecedent basis without the need to recite the specific step after which the amine was recovered. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the present objection.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for the use of the word “approximately”. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with this rejection, to expedite prosecution, claim 28 has been amended to remove the

word “approximately”. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner previous statements around the allowability of the various claims. Nevertheless, in light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims, as now submitted, are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor formalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to facilitate prosecution of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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